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1. IN CONCLUDING PORTION OF HIS AUGUST 3 SPEECH (REFTEL A) SIAD MADE HARSH ATTACK ON "WORLD IMPERIALISM," WHICH HE ACCUSED OF "ORGANIZING" INVASION OF SOMALIA. ACCORDING TO SIAD, IMPERIALISTS REALIZED THEY UNABLE SUPPRESS AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SO LONG AS THESE HAD FREE AFRICAN COUNTRIES' SUPPORT. THEREFORE IT NECESSARY TO EMBROIL AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN WARS WITH EACH OTHER. SIAD ALSO GAVE STANDARD IDEOLOGICAL ARGUMENTS SUCH AS NEED OF IMPERIALISTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR PROSPERITY BY FOMENTING WARS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. SIAD URGED SOMALIS TO DIRECT THEIR HOSTILITY AGAINST IMPERIALISTS RATHER THAN AGAINST FELLOW AFRICANS. HE REITERATED THAT SOMALIA WANTS TO SETTLE ANY DISPUTES PEACEFULLY BUT WILL NOT GIVE UP WHAT BELONGS TO IT. SOMALIA WOULD NOT PLAY IM-
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PERIALISTS' GAME OF DESTROYING AFRICAN UNITY.

3. MEANWHILE, NON-OFFICIAL WEEKLY HORSEID CONTINUES ITS VITUPERATIVE ATTACKS ON ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. LATEST ISSUE (AUGUST 3) CONTAINS LENGTHY REPLY TO IEG MINISTER OF INFORMATION'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF JULY 31 ENTITLED "THE HYSTERICAL PARANOIA OF THE ETHIOPIAN MINISTER." IN ADDITION TO USUAL LINE THAT ETHIOPIA SERVING INTERESTS OF U.S. IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM, ARTICLE DEPICTS ETHIOPIA AS COUNTRY IN WHICH POPULATION IN MISERY, DEPRIVED OF ALL RIGHTS AND EXPLOITED BY FEUDAL MINORITY. (COMMENT: DEGREE TO WHICH HORSEID FULLY SUBJECT TO GSDR CONTROL NOT CLEAR. LATEST HORSEID ATTACKS MAY HAVE GONE TOO FAR FOR SIAD'S COMFORT.)

4. MEANWHILE, NO SIGN THAT PUBLIC APPREHENSIONS OVER POSSIBLE WAR WITH ETHIOPIA HAVE INCREASED IN RECENT DAYS. RECENT REPORT (REFTEL C) THAT GSDR DELIBERATELY SPREADING REPORTS OF HEAVY CASUALTIES IN BORDER CLASH APPEARS TO BE OVERDRAWN. MOST SOMALIS CONTINUE TO BE, AS MUCH IF NOT MORE, PREOCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC CONCERNS THAN WITH ETHIOPIAN BORDER SITUATION. CROMWELL

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